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## **BOARD MINUTES**

### **HISTORIC SITE BOARD**

**March 19, 2007**

**Approved**

*(NOTE: The minutes are a summary of the HSB meetings. Cassette tape recordings of the meeting are available upon request. Comments are welcome)*

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### **ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE**

##### **A. Board Administrative Matters and General Information**

- **Call to Order**

6:37 pm

- **Members Present:**

Paul Johnson  
Carmen Lucas  
Vicki Estrada  
Eldonna Lay  
Margie Warner  
Scott Moomjian

**Staff Present:**

Glenn Russell  
Gail Wright  
Donna Beddow

**Members Absent:** Jim Royle

**Staff Absent:** None

- **Other General Information:** Welcome to new board member Scott Moomjian representing District 4, Supervisor Ron Roberts

##### **B. Conflict of Interest Declaration: None**

##### **C. Approval of February 26, 2007 Board Minutes**

Approval of the February 26, 2007 Board Minutes; Motion by Vicki Estrada to approve minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eldonna Lay; motion carried 5-0-1 (Scott Moomjian abstained).

#### **D. Reports:**

- Thing Brothers' Store in Tecate: A new letter was sent to the alternate owners by certified mail; letter returned as sender unknown. The Tecate Community Sponsor Group chairman Louis Schooler, was contacted. Further action is uncertain at this time.
- CLG Grant for Julian Historic District – Progress Report – Donna Beddow
- Edgemoor Hospital/ Historic buildings and district – Glenn Russell
- From the Daily Aztec: Digging up the Dead – Cemetery project of SDSU. Article is available as handout.
- SB-18 – Letter to editor of Society for California Archaeology (SCA) from Courtney Coyle. Letter read by staff for the record.

#### **E. Announcements**

- Formal reappointment of Jim Royle to the County Historic Site Board by District 5.
- San Diego County Archaeological Society meeting Tuesday March 27, 2007, 7:30pm:  
**Presenter:** Sue Wade M.A., California State Parks, Associate State Archaeologist:  
"Completion of the first Overland mail in 1857 and its support station at Carrizo Creek."
- Stories of San Diego: A Lecture Series, Balboa Park; March 10, 31 and April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Preserving California's Japantowns; March 25, 2007 1-3pm; Lodi, San Joaquin County Museum.
- San Diego Archaeological Center April 14, 2007; 11am: Flint Knapping Workshop with Dr. Tim Gross, the Visiting Scholar Series.
- 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual California Preservation Conference; Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, May 3-6, 2007; "Preservation Goes Hollywood".
- State Historical Resources Commission Meeting, May 2-3, 2007, Hollywood, CA  
Workshops and Meeting, which will include consideration of the Cuyamaca Village to the NRHP.
- National Preservation Institute: In San Diego: October 17-19, 2007: "Section 106: An Introduction".
- May 18-20: SOHO Rancho to Ranch House; exhibits, lectures, vendors and home tours

### **ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **A. Public Comment:** None

#### **B. County Department of Parks and Recreation:** Dr. Lynne N. Christenson, Historian, County Parks and Recreation:

- Vallecitos Station
- National Trails Day Celebration at Rancho Penasquitos: featuring the 150 year anniversary of the Overland Mail Line; June 2, 2007.
- County Parks is undertaking archaeological analysis at many County parks including the Whaley House, Rancho Penasquitos and four open space parks.

#### **C. Presentation – Carrie Gregory, Cultural Resources Specialist with EDAW:** *"Western Salt Company Salt Works, San Diego, California"*. The Western Salt Company Salt Works (now South Bay Salt Works) has been in operation for more than 100 years, producing solar evaporated salt from ponds at the southern end of San Diego Bay. A complex interaction between human activity and the natural environment, the process has remained nearly the same for more than a century. Eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, the Western Salt Company Salt Works is a dynamic landscape of San Diego Bay that evolves through contemporary industry and natural progression.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **ITEM 3 – THE ALPINE WOMAN’S CLUB MAA 06-003**

**Applicant/Owner:** Alpine Woman’s Club  
**Location:** 2156 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, CA 91901, APN 403-261-03-00  
**Community Planning Group:** Alpine  
**Supervisor District:** 2-Dianne Jacob

**Description:** The Alpine Woman’s Club was recommended for inclusion on the County’s Historic Landmark list August 21, 2006 by the Historic Site Board, and approved by the Director of Planning and Land Use November 9, 2006. This project is being brought back to the HSB for recommendation of approval of a Site Plan for the external addition of an access walk for ADA compliance. Built in 1899, this building was Alpine’s Town Hall and was located in the center of the village. Townspeople bought shares to finance one-half of the construction cost of the building and those funds were matched by a wealthy resident, Benjamin R. Arnold. Building ownership was transferred to the Alpine Woman’s Club in 1932 and the building has been owned and maintained by the Club since that time.

**Staff Recommendation:** That the Historic Site Board recommend approval of the Site Plan for the access walk for ADA compliance to the Director of Planning and Land Use.

**Meeting Notes:** The Alpine Woman’s Club was represented by Ann Hill, President, Pat Holmes and Joan Waterworth. Following the staff report, Joan Waterworth made comments, and was available for questions by the Board. Summary of comments: Steps to be removed are not the original wooden steps, but concrete. Rehabilitation is consistent with Secretary of Interior Standards 1-10. Construction of the access walkway will not bring the building into full ADA compliance. The Club will proceed with additional items as funds become available. For example, work needs to be done to the front door such as changing the hardware, and adding a buzzer.

**Board Action:** Motion to approve staff recommendation by Eldonna Lay, second by Scott Moomjian; Motion carried 6-0-0. Staff will prepare a Decision Letter of Approval for the Director of Planning and Land Use to review and sign.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **ITEM 4 - HISTORIC SITE BOARD GOALS 2006 AND 2007**

**Description:** Early each year, the Historic Site Board reviews goals set for the previous year and evaluates progress. The list of Goals is then updated for the current (2007) year. Setting goals is an on-going process that helps to guide the Historic Site Board throughout the year.

**Meeting Notes:** The review of HSB goals was tabled until the next meeting when Chairman Jim Royle will be available.

### **ITEM 5 – CUYAMACA VILLAGE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION:**

**Description:** Cuyamaca Village, located on Stonewall Mine Road in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, is a Late Prehistoric Yuman village associated with the Kumeyaay and Kwaaymii. The village is approximately 55 acres in size and in 1955 Los Caballos Horse Camp was built on top of a

portion of the site. The Nomination was sent out by OHP on February 27, 2007 for review and comment during a 60 day period that ends April 28, 2007. Copies of the nomination will be available to the board members and public at the time of the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. This item will be an action item on the April 16<sup>th</sup> agenda to prepare a comment letter. Comments can also be submitted by individual board members.

**Meeting Notes:** The purpose of this discussion item was to provide copies of the NRHP nomination to the Board, to inform the Board that this would be an action item on the April agenda and to clarify what action the Board can take at the next meeting. Cuyamaca Village is located in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, and therefore is outside of County and Historic Site Board jurisdiction. However, the Board can either recommend support for the nomination of Cuyamaca Village to the National Register of Historic Places; can recommend no support for the nomination, or can not take a position. Board member Carmen Lucas asked to be excused from the discussion because of her close involvement in the project. Board member Scott Moomjian asked if it was necessary to visit the site. It is not necessary, but recommended; staff will contact Park Superintendent Bob Hillis to set up a date and time for a site visit. Vicki Estrada requested additional information in the way of photographs or presentation. It is possible that a power point presentation can be made available for the April meeting. Several members of the Cuyamaca Equestrian Association (CEA) were in attendance. Following is a brief summary of their comments:

- Ernie Smith: The NRHP nomination contains inaccuracies such as the Equestrian Camp was destroyed in the Cedar 2003 fire (it was only partially destroyed), and that excessive trash was laying around the camp site, when in actuality the Equestrian association worked to keep the camp one of the cleanest in the park. Also, the 55-acre footprint of the village is excessive.
- John Degenfelder: The Equestrian site is not in total disrepair; in fact is not in bad shape at all
- Ann Huss: If the site is going to be nominated, it should also include the Equestrian Camp as a historic site, along with the prehistoric site since the Camp has been in use since 1953.
- James O'Keefe: The Camp is closed to County Equestrians at this point in time and they would like to be able to continue the use of the Camp; would like to see the nomination include both historic and prehistoric. He encouraged the Board to look at all of the issues related to the nomination.

#### **ITEM 6 – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Next meeting will take place on Monday, April 16, 2007 (third Monday)
- Action item: Comments on the NRHP nomination of Cuyamaca Village
- White Papers: Archaeology Standards and Processes

#### **ITEM 7– ADJOURNMENT**

8:10 PM

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**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:**

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***Chairman, Jim Royle***

**April 16, 2007**

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***Vice-Chairman, Paul Johnson***

**April 16 , 2007**